

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected and remain pending. The Applicant is responding to a Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment.

The Examiner has requested information regarding joint research between the Applicant, Cisco Systems, and Hitachi Data Systems within the scope of the claims of the instant invention (06-05-07 OA, p. 2, item 1).

The Applicant has confirmed that the named inventor, Audrey D. Harman, is the sole inventor for U.S. Application No. 10/691,004. There is no joint development, joint research agreement, or joint ownership of the invention.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above remarks, the Applicant submits that the Requirement for Information is satisfied.

The Applicant believes no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should the Office determine fees are necessary, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0765 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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